

# Motor Vehicle Ownership Transfer: **BUYER**

City and County of Honolulu • Department of Customer Services

## Directions if you are **buying** a vehicle:

### **Certificate of Title BACK: Section D, E**

- Complete Section D – Application for transfer by new registered owner(s); if the vehicle is to be jointly registered, both parties must sign.
- If there is a new lienholder, the new lienholder must complete Section E – Application for transfer by new lienholder.

### **New owner(s) must bring the following to a satellite city hall to transfer the vehicle title and registration within 30 days of seller's date of transfer on the Certificate of Title, Section A:**

- Certificate of Title that is properly endorsed by the seller(s), buyer(s), and if applicable, lienholder(s).
- Last-issued Certificate of Registration.
- Current state of Hawaii Safety Inspection Certificate.
- If you are an active duty military service member, you may also submit a properly completed Non-Resident Certificate form CS-L(MVR)50 or Resident Certificate form CS-L(MVR)50A, which are available from your military unit or military personnel office.

### **Transfer fees:**

- Motor vehicle ownership title transfer fee is \$10 if you complete the transfer within 30 days the seller's date of transfer; if you fail to complete the transfer within 30 days, a \$50 penalty will be added to the transfer fee.
- If the last-issued Certificate of Registration has expired or will expire within 45 days, you will also be required to pay the annual registration renewal.
  - You can check on the annual registration fee cost for a specific vehicle that is already registered in the City and County of Honolulu online at [Honolulu Motor Vehicle Inquiry](#).
  - If the vehicle registration is delinquent, as the new owner, you will be assessed for all delinquent taxes for prior years that the vehicle has not been legally registered.
  - The total required fees and taxes will be determined by the satellite city hall when you present all required documents.

*Vehicle ownership transfer is not an Express Window transaction. Although not required, an appointment is recommended for this service. Make an appointment online at [AlohaQ.org](#).*

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